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LOK SABHA

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Works under MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to use MGNREGS in development of the rural household infrastructure by construction of the toilet for sanitation, creation of water harvesting infrastructure and development of rural school infrastructure etc.

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the timeline for the same; and

(c) whether the Government also proposes to provide the employment to skilled workers or for creating skill workforce under this scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a)&(b): As per Schedule-I of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), construction of the toilets for rural sanitation, creation of water harvesting infrastructure are permitted under MGNREGA. The construction of play fields under rural infrastructure are also permitted.

As regards development of rural school infrastructure, construction of Kitchen shed and dining space in rural schools, are proposed to include under MGNREGA.

(c): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), 2005 provide for the enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. However, where ever required in creation of assets, skilled workers are provided employment and their wages are covered under material component.

The Government has formulated and launched a "Project for Livelihoods in Full Employment under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (Project LIFE-MGNREGA)" in April 2015. The project has been formulated in convergence with Deen Dayal Upadhaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojna (DDU-GKY) and National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM). Project LIFE-MGNREGA aims at promoting self -reliance and improving the skill base of MGNREGA workers, thereby, converting them from being asset-less, helpless, unskilled workers dependent on Government support into fully employed entities with enhanced income.

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